



BOROUGH OF TIVERTON

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REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH TO THE
BOROUGH OF TIVERTON

1st January to 31st December, 1968

Town Hall,
Tiverton,
Devon.

May, 1969

Mesdames and Gentleman,

I have the honour to lay before you my Annual Report on the health of the district for the year ending 31st December, 1968.

The Borough covers an area of 17,680 acres. The area taken up by the 'built up' area of the Borough has been increasing steadily over the last few years.

Social Conditions

Messrs. J. Heathcoat and its subsidiaries are the chief source of employment.

The Globe Elastic Thread Company, on the industrial estate at Kennedy Way, manufactures elastic thread, and is also associated with Messrs. J. Heathcoat & Co.

Messrs. Starkey, Knight & Ford, which is now a member of the Whitbread Group, have built large extensions at Howden Industrial Estate.

Weldcontrol (Devon) Ltd., which specialises in welding is now an expanding firm, and is finding its present premises in Birchen Lane inadequate.

Fenton's Manufacturing Company on the new industrial estate at Kennedy Way continues to manufacture toilet requisites.

Poultry and egg packing are two smaller industries in the borough. Blundells School, a large public school, is also situated in Tiverton.

Population estimated mid-year 1968 - 14,540

Domestic Properties - As shown in Rates Book 1st April, 1968 - 5103

Rateable Value - £576,910

Estimated Penny Rate Product 1968-1969 - £2,316

Old Age Pensioners Club, Amory House

This club has 240 members and continues to give valuable service to the aged people. The County Chiropody Service continues to be inadequate especially for the aged people.

Central Council for Health Education

Tiverton Borough Council is one that contributes annually to this organisation whose work is of the greatest benefit to this department.

Home Safety Committee

This is now established and will cover both the Borough and Rural District.

Medical Services

All medical services are located at the upper end of the town, on the east side of the river. I consider that a transport service should be provided for patients who reside in the lower end of the town, who are too debilitated to walk the necessary two or three miles.

Extracts from Vital Statistics - 1968

Births	Total	Males	Females	Birth Rate
Live (legitimate)	234	118	116	
" (illegitimate)	17	9	8	} 17.3 per 1000
Stillbirths	2	1	1	.8 per 1000
Total live & stillbirths	253	128	125	
Ratio of local adjusted birth rate to national rate				1.09
Deaths	Total	Males	Females	Death Rate
Deaths (all ages)	192	104	88	13.2 per 1000
Ratio of local adjusted death rate to national rate				0.87

CAUSES OF DEATHS 1968

	Male	Female
Other Tuberculosis, including late effects	-	1
Other infective & Parasitic Diseases	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach	6	1
Malignant Neoplasm - Lung, Bronchus	7	-
Malignant Neoplasm - Breast	-	3
Malignant Neoplasm - Uterus	-	1
Leukaemia	1	-
Other Malignant Neoplasms etc.	17	15
Diabetes Mellitus	1	-
Meningitis	1	-
Other Diseases of nervous system etc.	-	1
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	1
Hypertensive Disease	1	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	21	30
Other forms of Heart Disease	2	7
Cerebrovascular Disease	14	10
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	3	3
Influenza	1	-
Pneumonia	10	5
Bronchitis and Emphysema	8	1
Peptic Ulcer	1	-
Cirrhosis of liver	1	-
Other Diseases of Digestive System	-	1
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	-	1
Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue	1	-
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	1	-
Congenital Anomalies	-	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	1
All other accidents	3	3
Suicide & Self-inflicted injuries	1	-
All other external causes	1	-
	104	88

Total Deaths 192

DEATHS FROM CANCER
1968

	Male	Female
Stomach	6	1
Lung, Bronchus	7	-
Breast	-	3
Uterus	-	1
Leukaemia	1	-
Other Sites	17	15
	31	20

Total Cancer Deaths 51.

CANCER DEATHS 1952-1968

Adrenal	-	Brought forward:-	172
Antrum	1	Ovary	5
Bile duct	-	Pancreas	14
Bladder	7	Peritonei	5
Bowels	22	Pharynx	2
Brain	-	Prostate	11
Breast	39	Rectum	7
Bronchus	71	Stomach	78
Face	1	Testis	1
Gall Bladder	5	Throat	2
Kidney	2	Thyroid Gland	1
Larynx	1	Tongue	-
Leg	1	Tonsil	1
Liver	1	Uterus	22
Leukaemia	9	Vulva	-
Melanoma	1	Vagine	-
Maxilla	1	Uretha	-
Mouth	-	Lymphonato\$is	4
Oesophagus.	10	Other sites	117
	<u>172</u>		<u>442</u>

Total Cancer Deaths 442

As seen in the table on cancer over the past 16 years, deaths from bronchial cancer are nearly as high as those from gastric cancer.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

1. Nursing in the Home. No change.
2. Domiciliary Midwifery. We have two district midwives. We are fortunate in having a H.R.C.O.G. resident in the town who can be called upon in difficult cases.
3. Laboratory Facilities. The Public Health Laboratory is situated in Church Lane, Heavitree, Exeter.
4. Health Education.
Smoking - Progress is being made in discouraging smoking among the general public.
Venereal Disease - No action is taken on V.D., as the incidence is very low and from outside sources.
5. Hospital Services

Since September 1967, a capital scheme of the renewal of engineering services and general up-grading of Tiverton and District Hospital has been in progress. The effect of this scheme has been that the operating theatre was closed for 5 months and the number of beds within the hospital reduced from 50 to 16. During this period, Maternity was temporarily housed elsewhere within the hospital. Since November 1968, the number of beds has been reduced from 50 to 25, including 11 Maternity, and from this time, surgery has been back to normal.

The built-up waiting list has been reduced to normal proportions by the acute beds, total 14, being allocated to surgery alone, and all acute medical work being sent to Post Hill Hospital.

As far as Post Hill and Belmont Hospitals are concerned, nothing significant has occurred throughout the year.

I feel that the services should be adequate if used to the maximum advantage.

6. Liaison Arrangements

Our local hospitals are largely staffed by general practitioners, which constitutes an advantage as regards liaison.

7. Institutional provision for unmarried mothers

None in the area.

8. Ambulance Facilities

No change.

9. Clinics and Treatment Centres.

Consultation Clinic - Wednesday 9 - 12 a.m. Dr. E.A. Chalk and three health visitors attend in rotation (if necessary).

Ophthalmic Clinic - Every fourth Monday, all day. Dr. Chaturvedi in attendance, by appointment.

Speech Therapy Clinics - Mondays all day and Thursday mornings by appointment with Mr. Warby.

Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic - Every Wednesday from 2 - 4 p.m.

School Dental Service - Emergency treatment. Wednesdays from 9.30 - 11 a.m. Orthodontic treatment by Mr. Burnett first Friday in month.

Chiropody Clinic - Most Thursdays and Fridays by appointment. Mr. Willacy in attendance. Also all day Monday.

Ante-Natal Clinic - Thursday afternoons from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Run by District Midwives and Health Visitors. Talks on elementary dietetics, baby care etc.

Cervical Cytology - Once a month by arrangement with Dr. S. Jones in attendance.

Hearing Assessment Clinic - Every third Tuesday in alternate months with Dr. M. J. Dunn.

Retirement Club - For the 65-70's every second and fourth Friday afternoons from 2 - 5 p.m.

Mental Health Clinic - Available in the mornings from 9-10 a.m. with Mr. I. Mullholland and Miss Greenough in attendance.

Child Welfare Centre

Attendances for 1968 as follows:-

Total infants attending for first time	150
Total number of sessions held	52
Number of sessions with Asst. County M.O.H.	8
No. of attendances for 1968 - infants	1116
No. of attendances for 1968 - 1-2 year olds	162
No. of attendances for 1968 - 2-5 year olds	90

The mothers and children have had supervision and advice both at the Welfare Weekly by the Medical Officer and the Health Visitors, and in their homes by the Health Visitor. Where necessary the mothers were referred to their private doctor for treatment.

Home Help Organisation

Based at the Clinic. Cases are dealt with through Mrs. Nott and Miss Warmington.

Health Centre

It is proposed, eventually, to establish a Health Centre in the grounds of the Belmont Hospital from which General Practitioners would operate. This event is likely to be delayed until all the hospital facilities can concentrate on it.

Mass Radiography Service

This valuable service continues to function smoothly, making fortnightly visits on Wednesdays to the Market, from 1 - 2 p.m.

Orthopaedic Clinic

Held on 52 Tuesdays during the year. Mrs. D.A. Birch, the secretary, makes the appointments.

Number on Register at 31.1.68	214
Number on Register at 31.12.68	191
Number of Sessions held	75
New Cases	363
Discharges	377
Admitted to Hospital	74
Average weekly attendances	25
Number of attendances	1100
Admissions:-	
Adults	312
School Age	25
Under School Age	26
	363

Scheme for notification to H.O.H.'s of congenital defects apparent at birth

No action taken under this scheme at present.

Scheme for provision of incontinence pads service

No action taken. Need for this scheme in the borough is not apparent.

Prevalence of Control over Infectious and Other Diseases

Scabies. Cases of this disease have occurred from time to time and are usually detected by the Health Visitor or School Nurse.

Diphtheria & Whooping Cough Immunisation. Vaccination procedure administered by the County Council, and a clinic is held for this purpose on each Wednesday. The majority of cases are dealt with by local doctors at their surgeries. The percentage of children immunised continues to be satisfactorily high.

Poliomyelitis. No case of this disease has occurred during the year.

Tuberculosis. New cases and mortality during 1968 - nil.

Public Health (prevention of Tuberculosis Regulations, 1925)

No action taken.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Age Period	Scarlet Fever		Food Poisoning	Dysentery	Puerperal Pyrexia	Pneumonia	Erysipelas
	M	F					
Under 1 yr.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 2 yrs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 - 4 yrs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 9 yrs.	2	3	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 14 yrs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24 yrs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 40 yrs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40 - 65 yrs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Age unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	2	3	-	-	-	-	-

Age Period	Measles		Whooping Cough		Acute Polio	Meningococcal Infection	Acute Encephalitis
	M	F	M	F			
Under 1 yr.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
1 yr.	5	5	-	-	-	-	-
2 yrs.	3	5	-	-	--	-	-
3 yrs.	3	4	-	-	-	-	-
4 yrs.	7	4	-	-	-	-	-
5 to 9 yrs.	8	6	-	1	-	-	-
10 to 14 yrs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 to 24 yrs.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
25 & over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Age unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	28	26	-	1	-	-	-

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

Fluoridation

The natural content of the Borough Water Supply is extremely low and no provision has yet been made to add fluoride artificially.

Sewage Disposal

The comparatively rapid growth of the town in recent years has caused the sewerage and sewage disposal systems to become overloaded.

However, new sewage disposal works are now under construction and nearing completion, and there are contracts for the relaying of the remainder of the sewerage system in the centre of the town, work on which has already started.

Public Health Service

This service consists of one Public Health Inspector and one Clerk, and I consider that this service would be inadequate to deal with an emergency.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

GEORGE NICHOLSON

Medical Officer of Health

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
TO THE BOROUGH OF TIVERTON

1st January to 31st December 1969

Public Health Department,
Town Hall,
Tiverton.

June, 1969

To His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,
of the Tiverton Borough Council.

Mr. Mayor, Mesdames and Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure I submit my
twenty third annual report.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

The Town's water supply is controlled by the North Devon Water Board and has been satisfactory in quality and quantity.

Raw water is sampled by the Water Board and samples for chemical analysis are not taken by the Council.

Fluoridation is not carried out in the Borough.

The Council owns and runs a swimming bath. The bath is an open air one and is in use during the summer only. The water is obtained from the public main supply and a filtration and chlorination plant keeps the water in a highly satisfactory condition. Examination of four samples taken through the summer months showed the quality as consistently high in three cases, whilst the fourth sample showed a slight count of four.

The population of Tiverton Borough has risen to 14,540 and occupies 5103 dwelling houses including agricultural premises.

Of these, 5043, housing approximately 14,025 persons, are supplied from public mains direct to the houses.

The remainder of 60 houses, have their own private supply.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no common lodging houses registered in the Borough of Tiverton.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONSCondemnation of Unsound Food

36 visits were made to shops for the purpose of inspection and condemnation of unsound food. The following is a list of food condemned:-

	Cwt.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Fresh Fish			21
Tinned Meat		2	4
Other Tinned Food	6	2	9
Miscellaneous		1	13
 Total	7	2	19

REASONABLE PENALTIES

SERVICES UNDER FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955Milk Supplies - Brucella Abortus

There were no samples of raw milk examined.

Liquid Egg (Pasteurisation) Regulations, 1963

There are no egg pasteurisation plants in the district.

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

Type of Premises	No. of premises	No. fitted to comply Reg.16	No. to which Reg.19 applies	No. fitted to comply Reg.19
Multiple Stores	4	4	4	4
Dairies	3	3	3	3
Butchers	12	12	12	12
Bakers	8	8	8	8
Fishmongers	2	2	2	2
Fish and Chip Friers	6	6	6	6
Restaurants and Cafes	12	12	12	12
Grocers	30	30	30	30
Chemists	5	5	5	5
Greengrocers	10	10	10	10
Confectioners	16	16	16	16
Licenced Premises	27	27	27	27
Off-Licence Premises	5	5	5	5
Factory Canteens	6	6	6	6
Hospitals etc.	6	6	6	6
School Canteens	15	15	15	15
Boarding House Accommod.	18	18	18	18
Bakehouses	3	3	3	3
 Totals	188	188	188	188

Poultry Inspection

There is one poultry processing establishment in the Borough of Tiverton. 117 visits were made to the premises during the year. Chickens and hens are the only types of birds processed and the number killed during the year amounted to 644,770. Of these, 5499 were condemned as unfit for human consumption and 639,271 passed as satisfactory.

The processing premises are of a modern structure and a high standard of hygiene is maintained. There is a spotter system for detecting unsound birds and check visits are made by the Public Health Inspector at frequent intervals.

Inspection of food premises, stalls and vehicles 84.

Registered premises under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act

Manufacture, storage and sale of ice cream..... 57.
Preparation for sale of sausages or preserved foods 26.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961Prescribed particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961.

Inspections for purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

PREMISES (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
Factories in which Sec. 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by L.A.s	9	-	-	-
Factories not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the L.A.	83	10	2	-
Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the L.A. (excluding outworker's premises)	10	10	-	-
TOTAL	102	20	2	-

Factories Act, 1961 - continuedCASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND:-

PARTICULARS (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.I. Inspector (4)	by H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Unsufficient	1	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	6	6	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outworkers)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	7	7	-	-	-

OUT WORKERS

Visits to outworkers premises for inspection.....3

Number of Outworkers required by Section 10

Class I2

Class 2917

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

It will be seen that although a total of 113 visits were carried out during the year to the 185 premises registered in the Borough, only 29 General Inspections were made, being mainly confined to new registrations during the year. The balance of 84 visits were to premises where previously contraventions were known to exist, and these visits have not been classified as General Inspections.

Generally, co-operation of occupiers has been forthcoming in providing amenities which were lacking. There were no applications for exemption from provisions of the Act during the year and no prosecutions for contraventions.

REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of premises	Number of premises registered during the year	Number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a General Inspection during the year
Offices	6	46	4
Retail Shops	5	126	16
Wholesale Shops & Warehouses	1	1	1
Catering establishments open to the public & canteens	3	12	8
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-
TOTALS	15	185	29

Total number of visits of all kinds to Registered premises under Act113

ANALYSIS OF CONTRAVENTIONS FOUND AND RECTIFIED:-

Section	Contravention	Number Found
4	Want of Cleanliness	1
6	Inadequate Heating Absence of Thermometer	1 4
7	Inadequate Ventilation	1
9	Sanitary Accommodation	4
10	Washing Facilities	2
12	Clothing Accommodation	2
16	Stairs & Floors	2
24	Inadequate first aid kits	3

ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE

Offices	252
Retail Shops	512
Wholesale shops, warehouses	1
Catering establishments open to public	37
Canteens	-
Fuel Storage Depots	-
Males 361: Females 441	Total 802

ACCIDENTS

Two accidents were reported during the year; one person fell in catering establishment and one person was injured while handling goods in warehouse.

RODENT CONTROL

Annual report as required by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

<u>PROPERTIES OTHER THAN SEWERS</u>	<u>NON-AGRICULTURAL</u>	<u>AGRICULTURAL</u>
1. Number of properties in district -	5735	247
2. (a) Total number of properties, including nearby premises, inspected following notification -	67	1
(b) Number infested by :-		
i. rats -	44	1
ii. mice -	8	-
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification -	66	50
(b) Number infested by:-		
i. rats -	11	2
ii. mice -	4	-

The following table shows the number of rats caught in traps at the various sites:-

1967	PREMISES	1968
37	Fire Station	28
48	Long Drag	43
42	John Heathcoat & Co.	56
196	Hamlin & Sons Ltd., Mill, St. Andrew Street	14
246	Starkey, Knight & Ford, Brewery	176
166	J. H. Punchard & Son, Haypark	169
110	Tiverton Roller Mills Co. Ltd.	113
9	Council Depot, St. Andrew Street	14
13	Woodgates Car Park	10
30	South Western Farmers, Kennedy Way	18
14	Globe Elastic Thread Co.	6
7	Underhill, Bolham Road	13
4	Post Hill Hospital	9
16	Knightshayes Estate Yard	16
17	Cottee Brook	22
22	Railway Yard	17
977	Total for 1968 =	724

Sewer Treatments

Four treatments were carried out during the year using Sodium Fluoracetamide, following which, the result of the 10¹ test baiting in the spring of 1969, showed that the sewer system had been completely free of infestation.

Fenn Traps

These were permanently maintained on 16 premises where it was intended that the positioning of traps would intercept rats on possible routes into the town from the adjoining countryside.

Contracts

There are 14 concerns in the town which have contracts with the Council for the destruction of rodents. Visits to these premises vary in regularity from daily to once every six weeks according to need.

Ashley Refuse Tip

Six treatments to the tip were carried out. 51 bodies were recovered, and the total estimated kill amounted to 268.

Mr. Tucker, the Council's Rodent Operator, continued his valuable work in a quiet and efficient manner.

7.
IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

In the case of Improvement Grant applications, houses are inspected and advice given on the reconstruction, alterations or improvements.

Standard Grants

During the year 15 applications were received for standard grants for premises, approval being given in all cases. Improvement work was completed in the case of 19 premises during the year and Completion Certificates were issued.

Discretionary Grants

Applications for Discretionary Grants were approved in respect of 3 dwellings in the year, and in all cases, the Council agreed to a 50% grant of the cost of approved works. Four Completion Certificates were issued during the year.

Since grants were first available for the improvement of houses, this Council has approved financial assistance for 276 houses improved by way of Standard Grant and 90 improved by way of Discretionary Grant.

DRAINAGE

New Houses Construction

Normal procedure is for consultation and inspection with the builder prior to construction of drainage in connection with new house construction or alterations and rebuilding.

The department advises on the siting and design of drainage disposal plants where no public sewers are available.

All new drainage is tested and the number of tests applied to new drains during the year amounted to 56.

Inspection to work in progress amounted to 125 visits.

PETROLEUM (CONSOLIDATION) ACT, 1928

No. of new tanks tested during the year	3
No. of existing tanks tested during the year	4
No. passed	4
No. failed	0
Licences applied for storage of petroleum during year	35
No. of licences re-issued	35
New licences issued	0
Transfer of licences	0
Inspections re. Act	48
Minor contraventions relating to "NO SMOKING" notices	5

EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875

18 applications were received for the registration of premises for the storage of gunpowder and mixed explosives, and Certificates of Registration were granted.

7 licences were cancelled during the year.

Inspections carried out in connection with Act amounted to 27.

Annual Slum Clearance Progress
Report

Year	Areas	Total houses
1952	Pinkstones Court	16
1953	Little Silver	8
1955	Penny Park	2
"	Westex South Area No. 1	10
1956	Westex South Area No. 2	48
1957	Belmont Road, 11,12,13 & 14	4
"	Candy's Court and Trickey's Court	7
"	Seward's Court	15
1958	Wellbrook Street	3
"	Cowleymoor Cottages	3
"	Sharland's Square, West Exe North	19
1959	Castle Street and The Jorks	9
"	Richard's Buildings	11
"	Chapel Street, 51 to 57	4
"	Chapel Street, 4 to 22	19
1961	Riverside, 1,2,3 & 4, and Westex South, 5,8,10,12,14,16/18,20/22	11
1962	Hine's Square, 2 and 3	2
1963	Peppers Square, 1,2,3 & 4 and Church Street, 42,44,46 & 48	8
1964	Curwoods Buildings, 2,3,4,5, Westex South, 121,123,125,127,129,131, 133,135,135a,135b,137,141,143 & 145.	4
"	Curwoods Court, 1 to 13.	14
"	Zetland Court, 2,3,4 and 5.	13
"	Wellbrook Street, 7,11 & 13.	4
"	Church Street, 9,11 & 13.	3
"	Bick Lane, 1,2,3,4,5 & 6.	3
"	Clarkes Row, Fore Street, 1,2,4,5,6,7, 8/9,11,13,15 & 17.	6
"	Hannetts Square, 6,7,8 & 9.	11
"	Grattons Terrace, 1 to 15.	4
"	Market Terrace, 1,2,3,4,6 & 8.	15
"	Willian Street, 8,9,10,11 & 12.	6
"	Rose Cottage and 64,66,68 & 70 Barr- ington Street.	5
"	Orchard View, 1 to 19.	5
"	Gable Cottages, Canal Hill.	19
"		2
1965	Rudd's Buildings	9
"	Sunny Court	4
"	Barrington, 113 and 115	2
1966	Prospect Place, 2 to 7	6
"	Pennys Buildings, 2 and 5	2
1967	Chapel Street, 120 to 136	9
1968	Myrtle Cottages, Castle Street	5
1955-1968	Individual houses demolished	20
TOTAL NUMBER OF HOUSES DEALT WITH		370

Slum Clearance (continued)

	Areas left from 1955 Slum Clearance Programme at 31/12/68	Number of Houses
<u>(Areas in Order of Priority)</u>		
1	31 to 35 Greenway Terrace, Water Lane	5
2	11,13 and 15 Barrington Street and 1 & 4 Maple Grove	5
3	37 to 45 Chapel Street	5
4	2 to 10 Silver Street and 1 to 7 Bartons Casueway (excluding fit house No. 7)	11
5	65,67,69 & 71 St. Andrew Street and 62 & 64/66 St. Andrew Street	6
6	18, 20 and 22 St. Andrew Street	3
7	3 to 6 Ham Place, St. Andrew Street	4
8	194 and 196 Chapel Street	2
9	24 to 44 Chapel Street	11
10	1 to 11 Park Street (excluding No. 11 as a fit house) and No. 120 and 122 Barrington Street	7
11	1, 2, and 3 Chapples Buildings and 104 to 112 Westexe South	8
12	1 and 2 Cooks Court and 3,4 and 5 Sherlands Square	5
13	6 to 10 Martins Lane	5
	TOTAL	77

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT
1960

There are 3 sites in Tiverton Borough licensed for caravans. Accommodation at the permanent residential site at 'Underhill', Bolham Road is licensed for 35 caravans, and the holiday site at 'The Orchard', Cove is licensed for 13 caravans. The third site at Riverside, Bolham, is licensed for a single caravan only.

All sites are well maintained and organised.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS MADE DURING THE YEAR

Water Samples taken:-		Inspections re. drainage	125
Public Mains	57	tests	56
Private Supplies	15	Disinfection & Disinfestation	18
Swimming Bath	3	Caravans	4
Food & Drugs Act:-		Slum Clearance:-	
Food Premises	84	Inspections & Revisits	27
Ice Cream & Preserved Food	10	Improvement Grants	221
Condemned Food	36	Pet Animals Act	3
Factories Act	15	Animal Boarding Establishments	2
Inspections re. Complaints	159	Rodent Control	18
Revisits	219	Petroleum & Explosives	75
Clean Air	2	Means of Escape in Case of Fire	4
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act	113	Local Land Charges	18
Dustbins	8	Miscellaneous	20
Poultry Packers	117		
		TOTAL	1429

CONCLUSION

In spite of the decision to dispense with the services of an additional inspector, the number of inspections to food premises at 84 is about equal to those of the previous year, whilst the number of inspections under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act has increased from 51 to 113.

This increase in the number of inspections has been achieved as a result of the transfer of the work connected with testing of drains of new premises to the department of the Borough Surveyor.

Mrs. Drake, the general clerk, has fitted very well into the department and is proving to be a valuable officer, now she has become accustomed to dealing with the various types of problem which arise and need to be dealt with in the absence of myself.

Mrs. Lay continued her usual quietly efficient work in the department.

In conclusion, may I thank the Public Health Committee for its continued support in the work for which I am responsible to them.

I remain,
Your obedient servant,

CHARLES JEFFRIES

Chief Public Health Inspector.